Group. But it was found that none of the samples contained the above mentioned pesticides.

The Govt. of Punjab has also informed that the position is being monitored by the State Govt. continuously by testing more samples of human blood.

Sex selective births

1367. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH:
SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is an alarmingly high incidence of sex-selective births in complete violation of the PNDT Act in Delhi;

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto; and

(c) the steps proposed to arrest the rampant foeticide in Delhi resulting in sex ratio of 219 girls for every 1000 boy's born?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) Government is aware of the dwindling female to male sex ratio in Delhi. The data based on Census for Delhi is as follows:-

Census (for State of Delhi)	Female to Male sex Ratio per 1000	Child sex Ratio (0-6 years of age) per 1000
1991	827	915
2001	821	868

(b) and (c) The remedial actions taken by the Government consists of strict implementation of Pre-Conception & Pre-Natal Diagnostic Techniques (Prohibition of Sex Selection) Act, 1994 & Medical Termination of Pregnancy Act, 1971, regular surveys and inspections of the clinics, holding of regular meetings of Advisory Committees, looking into the complaints under PNDT Act and female foeticide at State & District Level.

(76 complaints are pending in various Courts of Delhi), organization of State and District Level conferences, interactions with Health Workers, Auxiliary Nurse Midwives, Anganwadi Workers on ongoing basis, giving of radio talks by officials, involving school & college Students in awareness generation activities, disseminating messages in Health Melas, holding of gender sensitization workshops, giving of press advertisements and developing information & educational material.

In addition to the measures as above, Government of Delhi has started auditing of medical establishments by independent Committee to find out indirect evidences of violation of PNDT Act.

New Primary Health Centres

1368. SHRI N.R. GOVINDRAJAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to start more new primary health centres, State-wise;

(b) if so, the features of new primary health centres, State-wise; and

(c) the target for the year 2005-2006, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (b) Yes, Sir. Government have targetted to open 1714 new Primary Health Centres (PHCs) during 10th Plan period. The recently launched National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) aims at strengthening PHCs for quality preventive, promotive, curative, supervisory and outreach services, through:

- Adequate and regular supply of essential quality drugs and equipment (including Supply of Auto Disabled Syringes for immunization) of PHCs.
- Provision of 24 hour service in at least 50% PHCs by addressing shortage of doctors, especially in high focus States, through mainstreaming AYUSH manpower.
- Observance of Standard treatment guidelines & protocols.
- In case of additional Outlays, intensification of ongoing